Carbondale Area basketball teams near 500 win mark

By LARRY GABRIEL JR.

With the Chargers' victory over Valley View in the Valley tourney title game, Carbondale Area has moved to within two victories of the 500 win plateau. The Carbondale-Simpson (Fell) jointure should reach the 500 mark this week as the Lackawanna League starts its regular season. This is the 15th season of the jointure.

The Chargers and Chargerettes have produced one of the most successful basketball programs in District II. Since the formation of the jointure in the 1969-70 season, Carbondale Area basketball teams have won numerous division and district titles and have captured a PIAA Class "AA" state championship.

Since the jointure formation, coaches Pete Turonis and Mary Ann Egnatovitch have guided the schools hardwood fortunes except for the 1975-76 season. At that time, Egnatovitch left with a 6-0 record and joined the Immaculate College coaching staff. Cindy Moskosky led the team to a 22-2 record in 1975-76.

On the boys court, Carbondale Area has recorded 230 wins and 162 losses during the jointure's 15-year history. Turonis' teams produced some impressive seasons during that span.

Although the first jointure team did not have a noteworthy record (12-13), the locals captured the Lackawanna League North title before losing in the district contest.

The following three seasons were exciting ones. In 1970-71, the Chargers recorded 21 straight wins and scored over 100 points in two games. The Chargers repeated as Northern Division champs. A 58-56 district playoff loss to Riverside ended a great 21-1 year.

The 1971-72 season was also a thrilling one as the Chargers produced a 19-7 mark. Eight games were decided by three points or less. The Chargers advanced to the PIAA state inter-district action before losing to Middleton, 74-61.

In '72-73, Turonis' Chargers compiled a 19-4 year enroute to the Lackawanna League championship. Once again, close games were abundant as ten contests were three points or less affairs. The Chargers season ended suddenly with a 62-60 district loss to Dallas.

After a one year respite, the Chargers were back atop the division. The 20-8 locals played nine games with a three points or less difference and advanced to the first inter-district round of the state playoffs. An 84-54 loss to Bishop Hafey ended the Lackawanna League champs season.

The 1979-80 squad produced a 22-11 mark and participated in the district playoffs. A loss to GAR in the district final and a subsequent defeat in the next game ended the season.

One season later, the locals compiled a 35-3 record enroute to the Lackawanna League Northern title and the unofficial league crown. The Chargers also captured the District crown and advanced to the PIAA state eastern semi-final.

CHARGERETTES

The school's girls team has a basketball history that overflows with successful seasons. The female hoopsters have compiled a phenomenal 268-56 record. The initial team (1969-70) won the Lackawanna League title with a 9-1 record. A year later, another league championship and a district runner-up finish highlighted a 9-2 season.

In 1971-72, the Chargerettes added another league title and their first district crown to the sports history book. The 15-0 record was the first of two eventual unbeaten seasons.

The next season, Egnatovitch's team were 18-1 with another league and district title. The lone loss was a 20 point setback in the first ever PIAA eastern final of the girls state playoffs.

An identical 18-1 record and a fifth straight league title highlighted the season. In '74-75, the locals were 27-1, league champs, district queens and state quarterfinal participants.

In '75-76, Moskosky guided the team to a 22-2 record and the playoffs.

Following the one year sabbatical, Egnatovitch returned to a 31-0 team and the league, district and PIAA Class AA state championship. This 31-0 record has yet to be matched by any other girls team in the state.

The '77-78 year spelled more title and a 23-2 record. During this season, the Chargerettes stretched their unbeaten streak to 54 straight games.

Although the last five years have not been title seasons, the girls have produced records of 15-8, 17-8, 16-9, 25-5 and 16-7.

Basketball Bounces .... Chargers have made district playoffs seven of 14 years (this year being the 15th jointure season) .... Chargerettes have ten district playoff teams .... Overall jointure record as of 498th win reads 498-218 (.696) .... School produced one all-state honorable mention (Wally Durkin) and three state final tourney all-stars (Deb Krzywiec, Fran Gabriel and Linda Brownell) .... Two girls became college All-America (Deb Krzywiec and Fran Gabriel)

Smoke Rings

By Thotto

Walter Case Jr., the 22-year-old reinsman from Lewiston, Maine, rewrote the record books during the 1983 racing season at Monticello Raceway. The youngster, racing his first season away from his native Maine, became the first driver in the track's 26 year history to capture the "triple crown." He reined the most winners (277); had the highest percentage (.394) and was the leading trainer harnessing 101 winners.

Runner-up to Case in two categories was Steve Mahar. Mahar, who led the raceway during the latter part of August, finished second in percentage with a .348 average. He also finished in a tie for second in dash-wins with 108 victories.

Ron Ingrassia, whose 1983 campaign was interrupted for five weeks due to a broken collarbone sustained in a racing accident, equalled Mahar's output of 108 winners and finished third in the percentage race with a .280 universal driving average. It marked the second consecutive 100-win season for Ingrassia, and the second consecutive season that three Mighty M reinsmen went over the 100-win plateau.

Second to Case in training wins was last year's victor in that category, Richard Axelrod. The lawyer-turned-trainer, harness 47 winners, two more than Mike Sorentino, Jr.

Sorentino, Jr., last year's co-recipient of the National Peter Haughton memorial Award, missed the first two months of the season due to a racing accident which had him sidelined with a dislocated shoulder. The 20-year-old horseman finished the 1983 campaign as the fourth leading percentage driver with a .278 average ...

USA Network announced recently that it will provide exclusive United States coverage of the Ricoh Japan Bowl, offering scouts and fans one last look at college football's top seniors before their selection in the NFL's player draft. Live coverage from Tokyo will begin at 10 p.m. ET on Sunday, January 15.

This ninth annual game, coverage of which is being produced by RLR Associates Ltd. of New York, in association with USA, will match the collegiate All Stars in an East-West format.

Among those players confirmed for the game are Nebraska tailback Mike Rozier, this year's Heisman Trophy recipient and winner of the "USA Network Player of the Year Award;" quarterbacks Steve Young of Brigham Young and Jeff Hostetler of West Virginia; Nebraska guard Dean Steinkuhler, winner of this year's Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy as the nation's top offensive lineman; linbackers Mark Butkus of Illinois and Ron Rivera of California; wide receiver Gerald McNeil of Baylor; and defensive back Russell Carter of SMU.

In announcing USA's planned coverage of the game, Jim Zrake, the network's Executive Producer, Sports, said:

"The Ricoh Japan Bowl stands out as one of the very special post-season college football games, giving the players one last opportunity to dimonstrate their talents to the pro scouts. Through our live coverage of this game, football fans nationwide will now have this same viewing opportunity and can finalize their own judgements of this year's college crop. The Ricoh Japan Bowl is a great addition to our schedule of live, prime time sports."

Boyarsky to attend Blitz awards banquet

The Carbondale Area Junior Sports Association, sponsors of the Carbondale Area Blitz junior football program, will honor its athletes and cheerleaders at an annual awards banquet to be held on January 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Cottage Hose Company. Highlight of the affair will be the appearance of NFL starter Jerry Boyarsky as guest speakers.

Boyarsky, a 6'3, 290-pound starting nose guard for the Cincinnati Bengals, recently completed his third season in the National Football League.

This past season, the Bengals had the top defensive team in the NFL as the Bengals yielded the least yardage per game and for the entire season.

Boyarsky played high school football at Lakeland and was a two-time Suburban Conference All-Star. The Chief product was also a first team All-State athlete according to AP and UPI, and was named to the Pennsylvania Big 33.

Following high school, Boyarsky excelled at Pitt. Boyarsky earned four letters and anchored the nation's top defensive unit. During those years at Pitt, the Panthers were 39-8 as a national title contender. Boyarsky was called the "blood and guts" of the Panther defense. That defensive line featured present NFL performers Hugh Green, Ricky Jackson, Greg Meisner and Bill Neill. Offensive line talents included Mark May, Jimbo Covert, Emil Boures, Russ Grimms and Ron Sams, all NFL athletes.

Boyarsky played his rookie season at New Orleans and has performed the last two years at Cincinnati.

At the banquet, awards will be presented to all athletes and cheerleaders and jackets will be given to the Blitz "A" team, champions of the Northern Area Junior Football Conference.

Gas company offers tips

The consistently frigid temperatures we're experiencing prompts Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company to offer these reminders for gas heating customers.

Keep you thermostat set at a comfortable position. Generally, unnecessary dial switching will use more gas... just as stop and go driving uses more gasoline. However, if you plan on being away from home several days, reduce your thermostat about 5 degrees. If you'll be away more than a week, turn it down to 55.

Try to keep the warm air in your home circulating. Don't block air flow from registers and cold air returns with furniture and consider the use of a paddle-type ceiling fan if you have high ceilings.

Take advantage of solar assistance by opening draperies to allow solar radiation to come in. Close draperies in the evening to prevent room air from leaking out around windows and sliding patio doors.

Check your home for possible air leaks not only around windows and doors, but around less-commonly thought of heat loss areas like mail chutes and fireplaces. Caulking, weather stripping and insulation can help stop heat loss.

Over 30 hoop results

An upset and two barnburners dominated the Carbondale YMCA's Over 30 Basketball League. The first match of the week had the Misfits squeeking by the Hilltoppers 58-56. Bob Tuse Mancuso bombed in 22, Joe McMyne canned 16 for the Misfits. The Hilltoppers put 3 players in double figures led by Ed Dzielak with 22, Barry Hessling 14, and Ron Walczak with 12.

The Club 526 upset the Champs 55-47. Bill Vitzakovich was high man for the Club 526 with an impressive 16, Ben Grizzanti popped in 14. For the Champs Marty Andrews and Snapper Daley split 24.

The generic pulled out a 1 point victory over Baldi's 56-55. Mike Cunningham offered 29 and Joe Marzzacco had 14 for the Generics. Baldi's leading bucket popper was, "yes fans this is correct," Frank Burnett 14, Don "Gun" Katchmore and Joe Celbusky split 24.

Lakeland activities listed

Lakeland notes for the remainder of the week are:

January 4 - Boys' basketball game vs. Carbondale Area - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. varsity game; freshman basketball game vs. Carbondale Area, home, at 4 p.m.

January 5 - a.m. activity schedule in effect; girls' basketball game at Riverside; 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 6 - freshman basketball game at Riverside - 4 p.m.; boys' basketball game vs. Riverside, home - 6:30 p.m. - JV game; 8 p.m. - varsity game.

January 7 - 7th and 8th basketball game at Honesdale at 10 a.m.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Jo Ann Cullen, 1123 White Bridge Road, Millington, New Jersey. From her husband, sons Scott and Tony, Mom Cullen, Mom and Dad Cotroneo, brother Gary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Dime, and Mary and Joe Barone.

Local Bowling Results

YMCA 6, 7, 8 Grade Girls

In the YMCA 6-7-8 Grade Girls' League, three point winners included een Angels took three from Charge s; Lakeland Indians took three from Highrollers; All Stars took three from Super Strikers.

Teams winning two points were: Strikettes took two from Lions.

The team high series of 1505 was bowled by Strikettes, while the high single was rolled by Wendy Seeley with a 162.

Other good scores were: Debbie Repella, 108, 134, 103; Lorie Wasserman, 136, 115, 68; Sherry Detterline, 102; Michele Meloni, 122; Wendy Seeley, 117, 112; Jen Carrubba, 105; Cathy Kawash, 102; Wendy Thomas, 130, 135; Kathy Cafazzo, 105, 109.

Newcomers

In the Newcomer's League, four point winners included Bon Le K's over Pizza Hut.

Three point winners: Vera Fedak's Beauty Shop over Clifford Auto Center.

Teams winning two points each were: Convenient Food Mart and Puduto Trucking; Duchnik's Garage and Michael Cerra's.

The team high series of 2300 was bowled by Vera Fedak's Beauthy Shop, while the high single was rolled by Michael Cerra's with a 784.

Individual honors went to Elaine Curyk with a 500 series, and the individual high single was 199 by Jean Yamialkowski.

Splits were converted by J.Haley, E.Babia, L.Franks, R.Fife, K.Kulick, J.Yamialkowski, K.Jones, J.Tierney, D.Christina.

Other good scores were: L.Franks, 494, 173; P.Bendersky, 487, 166; V.Fedak, 481, 169; R.Fife, 481, 166; S.Lazer, 476, 188.

Tuesday Night Early Birds

In the Tuesday Night Early Birds League, three point winners included Battenberg, K.Sportswear, Inc.

Teams winning two points were: Clifford Dress Inc.

The team high series of 2153 was bowled by K.Sportswear, Inc., while the high single was rolled by Clifford Dress Inc., with a 735.

Individual honors went to Ann Marie Talnagi with a 570 series, and the individual high single was 197 by Ann Marie Talnagi.

Splits were converted by Peggy Morcom, Betty Tucker, Carla Mussari, Ann Marie Talnagi.

Other good scores were: Mary Ellen Chettino, 148; Marjorie Lee, 186, 178, 155; Kim Aston, 144; Jennie Cameron, 147; Rose Ann Anderson, 158, 154; Ruth Roberts, 151, 178; Mary Anne Oakley, 144, 162; Dorothy Trotter, 144; Jayne Penny, 155, 159; Angie Hazen, 148, 166; Sharmon Twardzik, 147; Joani Niemotka, 170, 140; Nancy White, 142; Rose Gagnon, 159, 175, 170; Peggy Morcom, 148; Judy Stephens, 145; Sally Jenkins, 188; Ann Maire Talnagi, 184, 197, 189; Carla Mussari, 142, 167, 181.

YMCA 3, 4, 5 Grade Girls

In the YMCA 3-4-5 Grade Girls League, two point winners included Garfields took two from Silly Strikers; Knight Riders took two from No One.

Teams winning one point was: Monchicheese took one from Smurfs.

The team high series of 1220 was bowled by Monchiecheese, while the high sinige was rolled by Sharon Llewellyn with a 167.

Other good scores were: Jill Wormuth, 109; Dawn Rafferty, 97, 92; Susan Miller, 91, 95; Lisa Caudulla, 101, 108; Santina Winters, 101, 99.

Carbondale News (Minor)

In the Carbondale NEWS (Minor) League, winner for the first half was Price Insurance, Bill Banichak (capt.), Clem Pasoce, Steve Dombrosky, Ed Knehr, and Matt Leonard.

High team single was Lake Lorain, 1220. High team three games were also Lake Lorain, 3100. High average for the league was Pat McDonough with a 213.

High single game was Mike Zazzera's 299.

Tuesday Night Ladies

In the Tuesday Night Ladies League, four point winners included Rent a Center over La Rosa Accounting.

Three point winners were: Mancuso Construction and The Barn.

Teams winning one point were: Thomas' Newsstand and Mancuso Vending.

The team high series of 2190 was bowled by Mancuso Construction, while the team high single was rolled by Mancuso Construction with a 781.

Individual honors went to P. Bauman with a 526 series, and the individual high single was 197 by D.Karosus.

Splits were converted by M.A.Fedak, S.Baldwin, D.Jerin, D.Homish, M.Rupp.

Other good scores were: J.Lanuti, 151; M.A.Fedak, 152; K.Jerin, 157; S.Rotell, 163, 180; P.Baumann, 150, 182, 196; N.Woody, 169, 181; J.Calzola, 162, 181; A.M.Baker, 175; A.Rotell, 160; D.Frederick, 159, 167; L.Laguzzi, 154, 157; D.Karosus, 197.

Pioneer Ladies

In the Pioneer Ladies League, three point winners included McDonnell's Restaurant over Tuzze Trucking.

Teams winning two points were: Caljean Vending over Adams Cable T.V.

The team high series of 2340 was bowled by McDonnell's Restaurant, while the high single was rolled by McDonnell's with a 801.

Individual honors went to Dot Slimski with a 520 series, and the individual high single was 195 by Dot Slimski.

Splits were converted by Janet Oliveri, Ellen Klimash, dot Slimski, Dot Keating, Anne Price, Maureen Evans.

Other good scores were: Peggy Mazza, 178, 515; Barbara Galavits, 173, 505; Janet Oliveri, 172, 498; Anne Price, 172, 479; Evelyn Toms, 157, 459; Maureen Evans 160, 455; Mary Ryczak, 155, 454; Tina Milewski, 159, 447; Irene Lozuch, 159, 444; Nancy Smith, 158, 439; Dot Keating, 158, 438; Jean Druther, 155, 431; Carol Whitiak, 162, 414; Fran Geraci, 150, 408; Ellen Klimash, 144, 408.

Thursday Morning Ladies

In the Thursday Morning Ladies League, four point winners included Cal's Body Shop over Moxie Club.

Teams winning three points were: Leathernecks over DeRichie Masonary.

The team high series of 1833 was bowled by Sisko Cafe, while the high single was rolled by Andrew's Jewelers with a 656.

Individual honors went to Betty Carachilo with a 536 series, and the individual high single was 216 by Betty Carachilo.

Splits were converted by Liz Frisbie, Sophia Gilia, Mary Tochelli, Gerri Nichols.

Other good scores were: Marie Caporali, 142, 171, 429; Kathy Caporali, 148, 138, 143, 429; Mary Jo DeRichie, 155, 153, 434; Joanne Tierney, 147, 161, 436; Liz Frisbie, 173, 177, 149, 499; Barb Pidunjiec, 174, 137, 134, 445; Liz Sheridan, 157; Lynn DePrato, 132; Evelyn Toms, 193, 155, 140, 488; Edna Devaney, 137, 159, 402; Sophia Gilia, 146, 137; Rose Carachilo, 141; Betty Carachilo, 160, 160, 216, 536; Mary Tochelli, 154, 163, 437; Dottie Lee, 170, 144, 134, 448; Rose McDonald, 160, 161, 145, 466; Gerri Nichols, 186, 157, 177, 520.

J&B - Dreater

In the J&B Bar - Dreater Coal Classic League, three point winners included Zazzera's Market over Friendly Tavern; Cal's Body Shop over Ponce Seafood; Althouse Tennis over Thomas' Newsstand.

Teams winning two points were: Sewack Insurance over Olyphant Service.

The team high series of 2828 was bowled by Althouse Tennis, while the high single was rolled by Sewack Insurance with a 997.

Individual men's honors were captrued by Dick Ghezzi with a high series of 641. The high single was rolled by Dick Ghezzi who had a 242.

Other good scores were: Pat Trichilo, 619; Tony Barbaro, 618; Pete Karwowski, 617; Ed Zavada, 610; Ralph Althouse, 600; Harvey Kellogg, 599; Tom Casper, 580; Mike Kania, 578; Andy Safko, 573.

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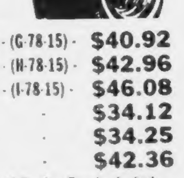

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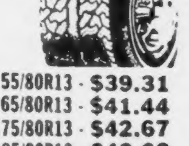

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Obituaries

GLENN, Louisa Phillips Mrs., died Tuesday, December 6 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

She was born in the Rhonnda Valley, South Wales to the late Benjamin and Hannah Goodwin Phillips. She was the widow of the late Edward J. Glenn.

Formerly of Carbondale, and Parsippany, N.J., she is survived by a daughter Mrs. Thomas (Nan) Davis and a son, Glyn Fowler, six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-granchildren and several nieces and nephews.

KETCHEM, Helen Mrs., 5 Sutter Lane, Irone, Calif., formerly of Carbondale, died December 24 at home after an illness. She was the wife of the late Robert Ketchem.

Born in Carbondale, daughter of the late Rhoda and John Hopkins, she lived in Carbondale until moving to California 10 years ago. She was a member of the Berean Baptist Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Michael (Shirley) Corrigan, with whom she lived; Mrs. Louis (Barbara) Sirianni, Carbondale; Mrs. Diane May, Ione, Calif.; Mrs. Gary (Bonnie) Harrity, East Stroudsburg; Mrs. Joseph (Connie) Griffith, Peckville; one son Robert, Ione; 20 grandchildren 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berean Baptist Church, Carbondale, or the Cancer Society.

NEWCOMB, Paul J., 28 John St., died Wednesday, December 28 at his home. His wife, the former Regina Munley, died in 1981.

Born in Carbondale, son of the late Patrick and Margaret Duffy Newcomb, he was employed as a fireman for O&W Railroad before retirment and was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Surviving are seven sons, Patrick, Honesdale; Phillip, Jermyn; Robert, Archbald; Paul J., Michael, Charles and James, Carbondale; five daughters, Mrs. Ann Kilmer, Carbondale; Mrs. Jean Cobb, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Milford, Conn.; Mrs. Margaret Solomon and Miss Sally Newcomb, Carbondale; 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

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